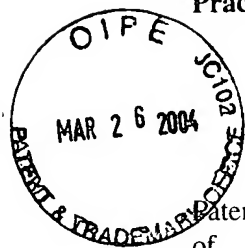


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2. ☒ Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (substitute for Form PTO-1449)
3. ☐ Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications
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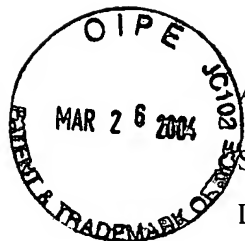
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SECTION 2. FORMS PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)

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